

Day 1 | November 13, 2017



DRAFT Fall 2017 Meeting Agenda | **ABRIDGED ANNOTATIONS**

Mainstreaming Application of Integrated Regional Conservation & Development (IRCAD)

Day 1: November 13, 2017 | 12:30 pm – 7:30 pm

13388 Airline Hwy, CA 95043; Paicines Ranch – Event Center Barn

Remember to wear comfortable field attire and appropriate shoes for both days.

Please prepared for rain or shine!

Meeting Objectives:

- Share updates on conservation programs and initiatives across California
- Information exchange and networking among CA Biodiversity Council (CBC) members and participants
- Tour example of private land management that supports biodiversity and conservation
- IRCAD workplan update and program accomplishments
- Preview of field trip and nexus with IRCAD

Time

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12:30 pm

[30 min]

Registration and Networking

(light refreshments available)

[Co-Chairs convene meeting at 1:00 pm]

1:00 pm

[30 min]

Co-Chairs' Welcome, Meeting Purpose, Agenda Review,

CBC Co-Chairs John Laird, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and

Jerry Perez, State Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Office

- *[Set background and tone for the meeting (5 min per Co-Chair)]*
 - *Advancing the concept and practice of integrated regional scale conservation and development planning across California.*
 - *Underscoring the importance of increased collaboration and coordination, particularly under tighter budgets and political constraints.*
 - *California's emerging role as a national leader regarding the advancement of informed and responsible conservation and social policies.*
- *Review specific meeting objectives. This meeting is designed to*
 - *get out 'in the field' to experience real projects and partnerships*
 - *provide ample opportunity for networking.*
 - *provide opportunities for CBC members and partners to share updates on major conservation efforts, as last CBC meeting was January 2016.*
- *Provide a High Level Review of the meeting agenda*
- *Remind attendees of bio-breaks b/c day will move fast!]*

1:30 pm
[25 min]

Introductions and Conservation Pop-Ups

Moderator: Don Yasuda, Pacific Southwest Region, US Forest Service (USFS)

[Intros: Co-Chairs ask people for just name, title, and affiliation (first few individuals have been “primed”)]

[Pop-Ups: 1-2 min ideal; 3 min max. Don gives context and will advance slides after 3 min. Refer to Conservation Updates Handout and networking dinner. MW will have time reminder cards]

1. **CA Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC)** – Larry Rabin, US Fish and Wildlife Service (US FWS)
2. **State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) and Companion Plans** – Armand Gonzales, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
3. **Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC Program)** – Mandy Latzen, Department of Conservation (DoC)
4. **Merced County Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Assessment Tool** – Bruce Gwynne, DoC
5. **Transportation Bill and Advanced Mitigation** – Amy Bailey, CA Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
6. **Pinnacles Tribal Partnerships** – Brent Johnson, National Park Service
7. **Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Strategic Plan** – Peter Perrine, WCB

Conservation Updates Handout: A handout will include a list with contact information of all conservation updates on the agenda, as well as others compiled by the IAT.

1:55 pm
[15 min]

Report: CBC Executive Committee and Interagency Alignment Team (IAT)

CBC Executive Comm. Co-Chair Kamyar Guivetchi, CA Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) and IAT Chair Don Yasuda, USFS

- Proposed CBC Organizational Charter and updated charters for Executive Committee and IAT to document council’s approach for administration/operation *[Kamyar & Co-Chairs: CBC members will have received in advanced the new CBC Organizational Charter. The Co-Chairs would ask members to adopt the charters during this agenda item.]*
- Communications strategy *[Kamyar will mention this during his presentation: New website, eNewsletter, etc]*
- IAT report on team meetings and activities *[Don Y]*

2:10 pm
[50 min]

Panel -- Conservation Spotlights [8-10 minutes per panelist]

Moderator: Ted Frink, DWR

[Four panelists will present longer updates about conservation programs deemed of high interest to CBC members and meeting participants. If time permitting: Very short Q&A time at the end. These conservation programs will be listed in the Conservation Updates Handout. MW will have time reminder cards]

- **Conservation Strategy for 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) Update** – Lori Clamurro-Chew, DWR
- **Forest Planning and Management** – Don Yasuda, USFS
- **CDFW Advances in State Conservation Efforts** – Ron Unger, CDFW; Peter Perrine, WCB
 - Resource Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) Program, AB 2087 *[Ron Unger]*
 - Areas of Conservation Emphasis Update (ACE-III) *[Peter Perrine]*
- **Bay Area Greenprint** – Liz O’Donoghue, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) *[15 min]*

3:00 pm
[10 min]

Short Break

[Short break for restroom, grab refreshments; reconvene in 10 min but expect the full 15 min; Reconvene OUTSIDE OF BARN and Directing people: ~5 min walk up the hill to start of walking tour]

3:10 pm Paicines Ranch Walking Tour

[1h, 15-20 m] Moderator: Bruce Gwynne, DoC

- **Role of Private Lands in Regional Conservation** *[10 min]*
 - Bruce Gwynne, DoC
 - Amrith Gunasekara, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
 - Sara Schremmer, CA Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)
 - Kelly Mulville, Paicines Ranch

[All provide opening comments to frame the walking tour; 1 portable PA system; Have separate transportation for those who may have difficulty walking.]

- **Walking Tour** – *Led by Kelly Mulville, Paicines Ranch [55-60 min]*
[Walk Up (20 min); Presentations at Top of Walk (15-18 min)]
[MW and SH TIME CHECK at 4:00 PM, head down in five to ten min]
[Walk back down (20 min)]

4:30 pm Mainstreaming IRCAD Application: Review, Refinement, Collaboration, and Next Steps

[45 min]

Moderator: Denny Grossman, Strategic Growth Council (SGC)

[Remind folks of the IRCAD worksheet]

- **IRCAD Resolution and Work Plan** – Denny Grossman, SGC *[5 min]*
- **Updates** *[15 min]*
 - **Regional Conservation Assessments (RCA): Methods, Products and Applications** – IRCAD Interagency Methods Work Group and WCB Project Team
 - **Regional Conservation Assessment and Planning Tool** – Jim Strittholt, Conservation Biology Institute (CBI)

[MW and SH: TIME CHECK at 4:50: Need to move on to Peter in 5 minutes]

- **Partner Activities** *[20 min]*
 - Peter Perrine, WCB
 - Scott Flint, CA Energy Commission (CEC)
 - Stuart Kirkham, Caltrans

5:15 pm IRCAD Open Discussion and Next Steps

[25 min]

Moderators: CBC Co-Chairs John Laird, Secretary, CNRA and Jerry Perez, State Director, BLM

- *[During the prior RCA/IRCAD Session, the participants were provided a question sheet and asked to take notes regarding the following questions.]*
 1. *What do you find most useful about standardized Regional Conservation Assessments and the overall IRCAD approach?*
 2. *What are the biggest impediments to the implementation of Regional Conservation Assessments and IRCAD?*
 - *Data? Transparency? Political Sensitivity? Other?*
 3. *Do you have any suggestions on how RCAs and IRCAD can be improved and mainstreamed?*
 4. *How can your organization help to mainstream RCAs and IRCAD, and what would be needed to secure your involvement?*
- *This session is structured to allow CBC membership to reflect on these and other thoughts, questions and suggestions regarding the future of RCAs and the IRCAD initiative.]*

5:40 pm Public Comment

[10 min]

[Co-Chairs invite non-members to comment on conservation in California, and the work of the Council.]

5:50 pm

[10 min]

Closing Remarks

CBC Co-Chairs John Laird, Secretary, CNRA and Jerry Perez, State Director, BLM

- *[Reflect on emergent themes from the day's presentations/discussions]*
- *Identify relevant future directions and activities for the IAT activities coming out of the day's presentations/discussions*
- *Identify box to submit RCA/IRCAD worksheets*
- *Announce next CBC meeting that will be hosted by Joshua Tree NP and 29 Palms Marine Training base to demonstrate the RCA pilot project for the Mojave ecoregion.*
- *Direct attendees to the front room for the networking reception and no-host bar.]*

6:00 pm

[30 min]

Networking Reception in the Front Room

Refreshments and Cash-Only No-Host Bar

6:30 pm

[1h]

Dinner & Preview of Field Trip

Matt Freeman, Santa Clara Open Space Authority [@ ~ 7p; 10 min]

*[Purpose/Objectives; General Itinerary – locations, speakers & topics. Reminder to meet in Best Western in Hollister at 8:30, Breakfast on your own, Light refreshments available. Depart **at 8:45a**; be ready for lots of walking; sign TNC Waivers]*

7:30 pm

Adjourn

[Comment Cards available; Post-meeting Survey Monkey]

Day 2 | November 14, 2017



DRAFT Field Trip Agenda | **ANNOTATIONS**

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Day 2: November 14, 2017, 8:30 am – 3:45 pm

Meet at Best Western Parking Lot for Charter Bus Pick-Up at 8:30 am

***Remember to wear comfortable field attire and appropriate shoes for the field trip.
Be prepared for rain or shine!***



Field Trip Objectives:

- Experience examples of local and landscape-level projects and programs that can weave into the IRCAD framework

Time

Duration

Agenda Item

8:30 am <i>[15 min]</i>	 <u>Charter Bus Pick-Up: Best Western San Benito Inn, Parking Lot</u> 660 San Felipe Rd, Hollister, CA 95023 (Light refreshments will be available.) <i>[Note: Attendees can store their luggage under the bus or in the Best Western office; Restrooms only on Bus until Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve; If leaving early, Stephanie can wait until 9a for stragglers and drive them to the first site.]</i> <i>[Pajaro Compass Speakers should sit toward the front of the bus.]</i> <i>[Jared and Liz driving separately; Marc may carpool if needed; Andrea joining at Site 3]</i>
8:45 am <i>[12-15 min]</i>	Bus Departure and Field Trip Opening <i>[<5 min]</i> Denny Grossman, SGC En Route Presentation: Pajaro Compass Effort and Products <i>[10 min]</i> Abby Ramsden, TNC <i>[Abby will ask other steering committee members to raise hand/stand-up and/or speak time permitting.]</i>
9:00 am <i>[15 min]</i>	 <u>Site 1 - TNC Pajaro Ranch Arrival</u> <i>[36.974194, -121.503972]</i> <i>[5 min to offload bus, 10 min walk to convene group at first site. Bus can pull off to the side or reverse and turn around while attendees are on the tour to reduce departure time. Stephanie can help hold traffic to allow the bus to reverse and turn around. Stephanie will leave early to go to Coyote Valley OSP to reserve picnic tables]</i>

9:15 am
[1 h 10 min]

Pajaro Ranch – Convene at First Site

Moderator: Abby Ramsden, TNC

Presentations [25 minutes]

- **Large Landscape Conservation in the Mt. Hamilton Region** – Sasha Gennet, TNC [5 min.]
- **Pajaro Ranch, a Multi-Benefit Project** – Abby Ramsden, TNC [5 min.]
- **Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (OSA) Pajaro River Agricultural Preserve Conservation Vision** – Matt Freeman, OSA [5 min.]
- **Climate-Smart Habitat Restoration** – Jenni Benson, STRAW Program, Point Blue Conservation Science (Point Blue) [10 min.]

Site Tour: Riparian Corridor [Divide into Three Groups] [30 min.]

[Abby explains the process for the Riparian Corridor Site Tour; leave from sign area, staggered if possible, and walk riparian corridor down to culvert on Frazier Lake Road, then cut back to ranch gate through the field. Mackenzie, Alex, and Stephanie help encourage people to divide into even groups]

1. **Climate-Smart Restoration** – Sasha Gennet, TNC; Jenni Benson, Point Blue
2. **Conservation Agriculture** – Seth Nitschke, Mariposa Ranch; Matt Freeman, OSA
3. **Gathering and Using Wildlife Data** – Tanya Diamond, Pathways for Wildlife; Abby Ramsden, TNC

[~15 min to walk back and load bus; maybe less if the tour is a loops, not backtracking]

10:25 am
[30-45 min]

Depart Pajaro Ranch [<5 min for people to settle in]

[If running more than 20 min late, consider not taking side streets: ~30 min to next site if no Side Streets. 40-45 min if taking side roads through Gilroy ag sector and Morgan Hill Southeast Quadrant:

- *Side Roads: To: Frazier Lake Rd [1 min]; Hwy 152 [1 min]; Leavesley Rd [5 min]; Via Hwy 101 to Foothill Ave [10 min]; Tennant Ave [5 min]; Coyote Ridge [15 min]*
- *No Side Streets [25-30 min]*

En Route Presentation: Balancing Regional-Scale Conservation, Development, and Working Lands Objectives [20 min]

Andrea Mackenzie, OSA; Abby Ramsden, TNC

- *[SALC Program – Andrea Mackenzie, OSA (10 min)]*
- *[HSR alignments, Gilroy Station Area and potential impacts – Andrea Mackenzie, OSA and Abby Ramsden, TNC (10 minutes)]*

[Remaining time devoted to Networking; Local presenters may point out particular sites of interest along the way]

11:10 am
[35 min]



Site 2 - Coyote Ridge Arrival [37.213156, -121.720882]

[5-10 min offload, 15- 20 min presentations, ~5 min board bus]

[After offloading, bus goes to shooting range parking lot to turn around and wait. Bus will be ready to pick up people 30 minutes after Drop-Off unless told otherwise.]

- **Landscape Linkages [20 min]**
 - **Coyote Valley Vision** – Matt Freeman and Galli Basson, OSA [*<10 minutes*]
 - **Wildlife Studies Informing Linkage and Strategic Acquisitions** – Walter Moore, Noelle Thurlow, and Neal Sharma, POST) [*<10 minutes*]

[If running short on time, defer Q&A to bus]

- 11:45 am**
[10 min] **Depart Coyote Ridge**
[Google Map directions to Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve](#)
[Short Drive to Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve]
- 11:55 am**
[15 min]  **Site 3 - Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Arrival & Box Lunches**
*[offload bus, restroom break, grab box lunches, convene group at first site picnic tables can sit 24; ppl can grab chairs (15-20 chairs) from bus under carriage; others can lean on railing]
(Boxed lunches will be provided for picnic lunch.)*
- 12:10 pm**
[45 min] **Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve**
Moderator: Matt Freeman, OSA
- **Potential Connectivity Policy & Funding Initiatives** [20 min]
 - Marc Landgraf, OSA, Jennifer Koepcke, POST, Liz O'Donoghue, TNC
 - **Santa Clara Pilot Resource Conservation Investment Strategies (RCIS), Perspectives and Lessons Learned** [20 min]
 - Ron Unger, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
 - Andrea Mackenzie and Matt Freeman, OSA
- [5 min to load bus]*
- 12:55 pm**
[30 min] **Depart Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve**
[Google Map Directions to Calero Co Park](#)
[Take Hwy 85 and exit Almaden Expy.]
- 1:25 pm**
[10 min]  **Site 4 - Calero County Park Arrival** [37.19447, -121.80757]
[offload bus, Note: maybe a restroom?]
- 1:35 pm**
[55 min] **Site Visit & Walking Tour: Calero County Park**
Moderator – Terah Donovan, SCVHA
- **Role of County Parks in Regional Conservation** – Jared Bond, Santa Clara County Parks [~5-10 min]
[Walk to pond restoration site (15 min)]
 - **Conservation and Restoration Efforts with Santa Clara Valley Natural Community Conservation Planning/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) Projects and Partnerships** – Terah Donovan, SCVHA [10-15 min]
*[MW and SH TIME CHECK: 2:00, Need to start heading back in 10 min]
[15 min back to the bus]
[5 Minutes to Board the Bus]*
- 2:30 pm**
[10 min] **Depart Calero County Park**
[Google Map Directions to Best Western](#)
*(Light refreshments will be available.)
[Allow folks to process the last 2 days before entering final open discussion; Travel time will be 1h 15-20 min total back to Hollister via Hwy 85 to 101]*
- 2:40 pm**
[1h 5m] **En Route: Open Discussion, Networking, and Closing**
Moderators: CBC Co-Chairs John Laird (CNRA) and Jerry Perez (BLM)
- *[Opportunity for Co-Chairs to note emergent themes from the day's presentations/discussions]*

- *Take the pulse of the group as to how they liked this meeting and format*
- *Review lessons learned and how state and federal agencies can help to guide and advance local and regional conservation efforts*
- *Remind folk about the Mojave meeting and field trip and invite input on that agenda*
- *Encourage folks to network and relax.]*

3:45 pm



Adjourn

[End at Hollister Best Western parking lot]

*[*** Plan B: Inclement weather idea – Not bringing collapsible tents. Attendees have been told to prepared for rain/shine***]*